MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Forty-Third
Annual Session

OF THE

Original
Bear Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Lawyers Spring Church

Peachland, North Carolina

September 19, 20, 21

1975

Next session convenes with Crooked Creek Church, just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, North Carolina.

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LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shalotte, N.C., 2 miles off of Highway 17.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N. C. 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N. C.

HERRINS GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 2 miles south of Highway 73, on road 2610.

HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N. C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.

HIGH POINT: Rock Springs Road, 1 block off Highway 70-A, High Point. N. C.

JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N. C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N. C.

LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N. C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust. N. C.

MILL'S CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N. C.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N. C. in the Palistine community.

NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S. C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.

OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N. C., just off Highway 742.

PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Hiway 311 in Winston-Salem, N. C.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3½ miles north of Marshville, N. C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on road 1632.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N. C., south of Asheboro, N. C.

UNION: McAdenville, N. C. Springwood section, 1 block off Mt. Holly-McAdenville Road, ½ mile north of I-85.

UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N. C.

WATSON: Approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Monroe on road 1627 (New Salem Road) approximately 6 miles east of Highway 200 north.

Of The 143rd Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 19, 1975

The Association met with Lawyer's Spring Church, Peachland, North Carolina, at 10:30 A.M. and engaged in songs of praise, after which Elder Joe C. Helms from the hostess church led in prayer. Elder V. V. Willard delivered the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 16:13-17.

After an hour for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Elzie Speir from Conley, Ga., and convened for business. Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of hostess church served as Moderator, Brother Tommy Horne, Clerk of hostess church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1– Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2– Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder Brice Haigler and Elder Newell Helms, and their status noted.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Represented by entire membership.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Don Simpson, W.T. Broadway, John Hinson, and Lloyd Braswell.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Hal Bouldin, Clyde Payne, T. E. Ragen, and T. L. Myers.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Harvey Carpenter, Ray Eudy, Hubert Almond, and Fred Eudy.

WATSON: Brethren Joe Baucom, Marvin Simpson, T. L. Simpson, and Pratt Mullis.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Elija Lucus, Reid Hunt, Rankin Richardson, and Elzie Auman.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Edward Pressley, Carl Edwards, Dennis Pressley, and Mike Crook.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Frankie Beason, Pete Smith, Richard McGee, and Athel Smith.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Ned Huneycutt, Bill Fincher, Hobart Medlin, and Reece Eury.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Winfred Newsom, Bundy Williams, Clayton Griffin, and James Mills.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Floyd Gaddy, Kenneth Austin, Kim Honeycutt, and Leonard Baucom.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren W. C. Poplin, Sherill Vanhoy, Edward Poplin, and Tom Vanhoy.

BETHEL: Brethren Thurston Mintz, Leroy Mintz, Dudley Lewis, and James McLamb.

CORINTH: Brethren Richard Styers, Chalmer Goins, Marvin Styers, and Dick Styers.

HERRIN'S GROVE : Brethren J. L. Lewis, F. M. Harkey, Houston Tucker, and Claud Herrin.

JERUSALEM: Brethren Bennie Thomas, Fred Baucom, Sister Ruby Hatley, and Brother Floyd Thomas.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Spencer Efird, O. Z. Rutledge, Howard Little, and J. M. McClendon.

NEW HOPE: Brethren Wilburn Davis, Sam Campbell, C. R. Smith, and Sister Verdie Davis.

OAK GROVE: Letter

UNION: Brethren Jim Briscoe, Brady Polk, V. H. Solomon, and Grady Braswell.

3– Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4– The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. Appointed the following:
Preaching Committee: Elders Roy Speir, E. H. Simpson, Joe Helms, Brethren Gradon Helms, Melvin Mills, Carl Haigler, Rankin Richardson, and Howard Edwards.
Finance Committee: Elder D. B. Willard, Brethren Wilson Greene, Fred Eudy, Bill Curlee, Clyde Payne and Bill Fincher.

5– Called for presbytery report: On Friday evening, April 11, 1975 the following presbytery was formed and ordained Brother Howard Little to the office of deacon at Mills Chapel Church. Elders

D. B. Willard, Rom Kerley, Roy Speir, Newell Helms, Charles Smith, Joe Helms, C. M. Mills, and Gene Watson.
Deacons Burin Williams, Earl Pressley, Larry Austin, C. C. Willard, T. E. Ragen, D. G. Dix, Clyde Payne, Edward Willard, Hal Boldin, Ted Myers, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Fred Harkey, Hobart Medlin, Fred Eudy, William Allmond, Ray Eudy, Howard Collins, Joe Robinson, Lonnie Eury, Claud Parnell, Athel Smith, Melvin Mills, Bill Curlee, T. B. Polk, Floyd Hawks, Leonard Baucom, Loyd Outen, Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, Wilburn Mullis, Fred Bacuom, Floyd Thomas, Thomas Broadway, Buford Hinson, Richard Styers, Richard McGee, Sam Hartley, and Leonard Anderson.

On Friday evening, June 20, 1975 the following presbyterery was formed and ordained Brother Thurston Mintz to the office of deacon at Bethel Church.
Elders: Newell Helms, W. C. Mintz, W. M. Benton, Joe C. Helms, C. M. Mills, and D. B. Willard.

Deacons: M. D. Anderson, Carl Stevens, R. J. Somersette, Earl Pressley, Larry Austin, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Charlie Hatley, W. S. Medlin, Oren Baucom, Floyd Thomas, and Melvin Mills.

6– Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder Elzie D. Speir, Sr., and wife.
Brother W. L. Davis and wife

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: No visitors reported

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Elder Brice C. Haigler
Sister Sharon Corbitt

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: No visitors reported

POWELLS VALLEY: Elders Kenneth Robbins, Virgil Peters, Phillip Hoskins and Harold Hunt. Brethren Steve Greene, Ray Wells, and wife, and daughter, Linda, Willard Story and wife, Joe Adams and wife and daughter, and Sister Verda Miracle.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Guy Hunt and wife

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes

7– Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry a formal correspondence to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ANTIOCH CHURCH: Sisters Irene Brooks and Irene Hooper

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brethren John Dillon, H. G. Dillon, Rufus Bullins and wife, C. J. Corns and wife, Sisters Ola Spencer, Joan Dillon, Lelia Dillon, Beulah Smith, and Velma Dillon.

ZION REST CHURCH: Brother Baily Dyal and wife

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Danny Parker and wife, Brother John Lawrence and wife, Sister Mary Griffin

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSN.: Brother W. A. Coggins and wife, Brethren Lonnie Hutchinson, Archie Hutchinson, Sisters Sarah Hutchinson, Stella Hutchinson and Flora Mae Hutchinson

KETOCTON ASSN.: Brother W. C. Maddox and wife, Sisters Julia Maddox and Elizabeth Fletcher

MAYO ASSN.: Brother N. L. Wilson and wife, Sister Vera Ashby

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSN.: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife

MOUNTAIN ASSN.: Brother J. Mack Osbourn and wife

PINE CHURCH: Brother J. W. Williams and wife, Brother J. A. Williams and wife

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH: Sister Glenice Whitaker

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: (Iredell County) Brother H.C. Lee and wife

SILVER CREEK ASSN.: Elder G. F. Watson, Brethren Leonard Anderson and Sam Hartley, Brother Roy Chason and wife

EBENEZER ASSN.: Elder Raymond Pressley

WHITE OAK SPRINGS CHURCH: Brother Lovie Whitley

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Elder Donnie Conner

8– Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member or our association who is in good standing can represent our people when visiting another association.)

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: 4th Week-end September, Smithfield Church. . . .Elders H. L. Poplin, D. B. Willard, Brethren Edward Pressley, Larry Austin, and Dennis Pressley

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: 1st Week-end September, Beersheba Church. . . .Elder C. M. Mills and Brother Jim Briscoe.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: 3rd Week-end August. . . .Elder F. W. Stack

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: 2nd Week-end September, Rock Springs Church. . . . Elder Roy Speir

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: 2nd Week-end September, Laurel Grove Church, Gatlinburg. . . .Elder Roy Speir

POWELLS VALLEY: 3rd Week-end August, Kentucky district Churches, Laurel Hill . . .Elder V. V. Willard

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: 2nd Week-end September, Pilgrims Rest Church, Attalla, Alabama, Brethren Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, Jim Briscoe and Gradon Helms

SOUTH ARKANSAS: 3rd Week-end September, Minutes and visitors if anyone can go.

9– Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10– Elder Joe Helms was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter to be approved Saturday morning.

11– Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Meeting to continue at Forest Hills School.

Benediction by Elder C. M. Mills

SATURDAY, September 20, 1975

The association met pursuant to adjournment at nine-thirty A.M. in the Forest Hills School Cafeteria. After song service, and prayer by Elder C. M. Mills, the association continued with business as follows:

12– Acknowledged visitors who have arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under Items 6 and 7.

13– Called for report from the Finance Committee:

Received from the churches	$1,807.00
Received from friends	312.00
Total	$2,119.00

14– Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15– Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in minute.

16– Extended invitation for churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

November 1975. . . Herrins Grove Church

February 1976. . . . High Point Church

May 1976. . . . . Bethel Church

August 1976. . . . . Union Church

17– Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the association with Crooked Creek Church beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1976, and that the pastor of that church deliver the Introductory Sermon, by move, second, and vote.

18– Unanimously agreed to have 1400 copies of the minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same.

19– Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in Item 18 to ministers present, and any other associational expenses the Finance committee may deem expedient.

20– Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Lawyer's Spring Church and community for help in every way during this meeting. Also the Boy Scouts Troop No. 14 who did a real nice job parking the cars, Forest Hills School, Mr. H. E. Hogan, Principal, and Mr. Elisha Haigler, Custodian.
May God's rich and abiding grace be with you all until we meet again.

21– Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 17, after reading and approving the minute.

Benediction by: Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tenn.

Elder V.V. Willard, Moderator

Brother Tommy Horne, Clerk

Brother Oren Baucom, Asst. Clerk

*** FINANCIAL REPORT ***

Received from the churches	$1,807.00
Received from friends	312.00
Total	$2,119.00

Disbursements:

Expense of printing, mailing, distribution of minutes and all other Clerk's expense	$ 450.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expenses	$1,669.00
Total	$2,119.00

*** CLERK'S NOTE ***

In compiling the Minute from information furnished, it is impossible to come up with a perfect minute. Please accept my apology for names misspelled or left out. I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who assisted in getting the information to me.

Oren N. Baucom, Asst. Clerk

Friday A. M.

Elder V.V. Willard, Matt. 16:13-17

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Brice Haigler, Isaiah 40:1-3
Elder Ronald Lawrence, 2nd Corinthians 12:9

Friday Night: (Lawyer Springs)

Elder Danny Parker, 2nd Corinthians 5:14-18
Elder Elzie Speir, Sr., 2nd Corinthians 5:18-21

Friday Night: (High Hill)

Elder Phillip Hoskins , 1st Peter 1:1-5
Elder Guy Hunt, Matthew 11:25-26

Friday Night: (Liberty Hill)

Elder Kenneth Robbins, Romans 8:28

Saturday A.M.

Elder G. F. Watson, Romans 12:1
Elder Danny Parker
Elder Elzie Speir, Sr., Luke 4:1

Saturday P. M.

Elder Virgil Peters
Elder Harold Hunt, 1st Thes. 1:1
Elder Wiley Sammons, John 14:1

Saturday Night: (Lawyer Springs)

Elder Guy Hunt
Elder Kenneth Robbins

Saturday Night: (Meadow Creek)

Elder Wiley Sammons, 1st Timothy 4:6-7
Elder Donnie Conner, Matthews 4:18

Sunday A. M.

Elder Raymond Pressley, Prayer
Elder Wiley Sammons, 1st Peter 1:1
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Luke 7:19
Elder Guy Hunt, Psalm 111:10

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McLamb, James, Shalotte, N. C.

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Elder Guy Hunt, Route 2, Box 78, Holly Pond, Alabama 35083
Elder Phillip Hoskins, Route 2, Box 47, Middlesboro, Ky. 40965
Elder Harold Hunt, 2516 Clark St., Maryville, Tenn.
Elder Brice Haigler, 4120 Northstrand Dr., Decatur, Ga. 30032
Elder Ronald Lawrence, Route 2, Box 222, Angier, N. C. 27501
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Route 2, Box 6, Calvin, Kentucky 50813
Elder Virgil Peters, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Elder Raymond Pressley, P. O. Box 54, Brightwood, Va. 22715
Elder Danny Parker, 366 Jeanette Drive, Danville, Va. 24541
Elder Gene F. Watson, 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 27501
Elder Donnie Conner, Route 1, Fieldale, Va.
Elder Wiley Sammons, P. O. Box 246, Colliersville, Tenn. 38017

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the churches and messengers composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and all of our corresponding and visiting brethren. Greetings:

As one who feels to be the least in the house of our dear Father, you have called upon me to try to express for you our appreciation for the great blessings and benefits that we have enjoyed in the Kingdom of His dear Son over the past year. And to remind each of us of our obligations in the days to come. Realizing that our nation will be celebrating its 2ooth birthday next year, and that the church has actually only been able for the past 200 years to meet in the open publicly, wherein they were not troubled nor molested by church-state powers. I wonder, do we love and appreciate our new found liberties sufficiently to use every advantage to thank God, and to live our lives fully under such liberty.

Thank God that we have been blessed to meet and permitted to rejoice as each minister of God came boldly preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Rightly dividing the word of truth. Proclaiming that sinners are saved by the soverign grace of God, and blessed for their obedience here in this time world.

God's faithful children are the Salt of the earth and as such will have a saving influence upon the world. The church of God has ever been the light of the world. Though you may be few your strength by the grace of God is unmeasurable.

Thank God for a united ministery labouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Jesus has said "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

What a wonderful place in this troubled world to find the Oasis of Peace, and to meet together in peace and love where God's children have sweet fellowship one for another and esteem one another better than themselves.

May God bless us to follow after the things that make for peace, and may He bless us to have a continuation of such lovely meetings until our departing from this world below.

Brethren, come often, correct us in love and pray for us, that we not become high minded, but rather fear.

Humbly submitted,

Elder Joe C. Helms

IN MEMORIAM

We pause in solemn tribute to our beloved members who have laid aside the troubles and trials of this life, their spirits have gone to that eternal city whose builder and maker is God, while their bodies lie slumbering in the ground awaiting the glorious morning of the resurrection, when all the dead in Christ shall rise to meet the Lord in the air, and ever be with the Lord!

OAK GROVE:	Deacon James H. Gaddy
NEW HOPE:	Brother W. W. Davis
JERUSALEM:	Sister Addie Little
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Brother Ernest Vanhoy
	Sister Selma Poplin
	Sister Mary Pennington
	Sister Bessie Rouse
	Sister Addie Vanhoy
UNION GROVE:	Sister Bessie Howard Baucom
PARK VIEW:	Brother Glen Cole
	Sister Ida Lawton
HIGH HILL:	Sister Elsie Crooke
	Sister Lola Surrett
LAWYER SPRINGS:	Brother John Nance
	Sister Panthia Griffin
	Sister Hettie Horne
CROOKED CREEK:	Deacon Brown Biggers
HIGH POINT:	Sister Carma Hayworth
	Brother Claud Harrison
MEADOW CREEK:	Sister Pearl Deese
	Sister Jane Kimmer
	Sister Hettie Hathcock
	Brother E. G. Dick
BETHEL:	Brother W. J. McLamb, Sr.
HERRINS GROVE:	Sister Bertha Hatley

CHURCHES, MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Elder Benton; 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CORINTH: lst Sunday Afternoon, 3rd Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CROOKED CREEK: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 2nd Sunday Nights, Elders Smith, Helms, and Stack

HERRINS GROVE: 4th Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

HIGH HILL: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday Morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before – Pastors

JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor

LAWYER'S SPRING: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder J. Helms

LIBERTY HILL: 2nd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith, lst Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

MEADOW CREEK: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastors, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder N. Helms

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Kerley

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastors

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday Morning – Elder Rom Kerley 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

OAK GROVE: 2nd Sunday Morning, 4th Sunday Morning – Pastor

PARK VIEW: lst Sunday Night, 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning– Elder Rom Kerley

PLEASANT HILL: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before lst Sunday P.M.

UNION: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, 3rd Sunday Morning – Pastor

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastors, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

WATSON: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N.C. 28459

CORINTH: Marvin Styers, 607 Clay St., Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, Route 1, Indian Trail, N. C. 28079

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HIGH POINT: H. M. Willard, 2915 Willard Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107

JERUSALEM: Fred Baucom, Route 2, Marshville, N. C. 28103

LAWYER'S SPRING: Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133

LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 2, Box 90, Oakboro, N. C. 28129

MEADOW CREEK: Fred Eudy, Route 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124

MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, Route 1, Box 72, Rockwell, N. C. 28128

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PLEASANT HILL: Barry M. Cole, Route 4, Box 304, Asheboro, N. C. 27203

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UNION GROVE: Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

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HERRINS GROVE: J. C. Williams, Route 1, Box 434, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Communion Sundays	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Crooked Creek	Elder A. E. Broadway	4th July	4.	...	...	...	...	2	1	54	$ 75.00
High Point	Elders V.V. Willard & Roy Speir	4th May & Aug	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	153	160.00
Meadow Creek	Elders C.M. Mills & Charles Smith	1st June	3	...	...	...	...	..	4	63	130.00
Watson	Elder D. B. Willard	4th May	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	42	60.00
Pleasant Hill	Elders V.V. Willard & Roy Speir	3rd June	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	47	80.00
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms	1st Sept.	1	...	...	...	3	...	2	89	100.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	3rd May	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	58	68.00
Liberty Hill	Elders C.M. Mills & Charles Smith	1st July	1	..	...	...	...	1	...	102	175.00
Pleasant Grove	Elders Joe Helms & C.M. Mills	2nd July	3	..	...	...	...	...	...	54	80.00
Union Grove	Elders C.M. Mills & Newell Helms	2nd Aug.	11	..	...	1	2	...	1	217	225.00
Mountain Creek	Elders C.M. Mills & H.L. Poplin	3rd July	8	..	...	...	...	1	5	84	144.00
Lawyer's Spring	Elders V.V. Willard & Joe Helms	1st Aug	...	..	...	...	...	1.	3	72	100.00
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms	4th June	1	..	...	3	...	3.	1	79	100.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	3rd May	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	19	35.00
Herrins Grove	Elder Rom Kerley	4th June	4	..	...	...	...	1	...	26	160.00
Jerusalem	Elder A. E. Broadway	2nd Aug	1	..	...	...	1	...	1	14	40.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	2nd June	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	58	70.00
New Hope	Elder Joe Helms	4th Aug	3	..	...	...	...	...	1	12	25.00
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack	4th May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	20.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	1st May	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	46	60.00
	TOTALS		50		2	4	6	13	24	1290	$1,807.00